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## **POLICY ON THE TESTING OF BULK LIQUID TRANSFER HOSES, LOADING ARMS AND PIPING SYSTEMS**

The Captain of the Port (COTP) Tampa, Florida would like to reiterate the policy on the testing of bulk liquid cargo transfer hoses, loading arms and piping systems. All facilities are required to comply with 33 CFR 156.170(e), which states, "the test fluid used for the testing required by this section is limited to liquids that are compatible with the hose tube as recommended by the hose manufacturer."

This policy excludes the use of testing with materials other than liquids, such as inert gases.

Facilities are to submit any requests for an alternative testing procedure of bulk liquid cargo transfer hoses, loading arms and piping systems at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of the current test.

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